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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

HUY T. NGUYEN

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/10/03, 3/24/04, 3/30/01
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 8-9 direct to information on a medium. Since the information do not provide any functional interrelationship to medium to control the medium or access the information from the medium, or impart to any software or hardware structural component to provide certain function that is processed by a computer the information do not make them statutory. See MPEP 2100

Claim 7 direct to information without reciting the location of the information. See MPEP 2100.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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4. Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al (6,628,890).

Regarding claims 6 and 7, Yamamoto teaches a medium comprising a program and/or data for allowing a computer (control block) to carry out all or some functions of all or some means of a reproducing device according to any one of claims 1 to 5, the medium being processible by a computer (column 4, lines 49 t column 5, line 5, columns 9 and 10).

5. Claims 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hiroshima (5,801,781).

Regarding claims 8 and 9, Hiroshima teaches a medium for transmitting or storing an MPEG transport stream reproduced from a reproducing device (Figs. 18-19).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-5 and 10 allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art do not teach a reproducing device for reproducing the MPEG transport stream from a hard disk, wherein the reproducing device having an the input means that extracts an MPEG transport stream from an arbitrary position to another arbitrary position in the inputted MPEG transport stream to output the special reproduction image used for special reproduction, and a reproducing means reproduces

the special reproduction image while detecting whether a plurality of pieces of picture data exist in one of MPEG transport packets constituting the outputted special reproduction image as specified in claim 1 .

The prior art do not teach a method of editing MPEG transport packets that comprises a combination of the steps of selecting, transferring , detecting and replacing as specified in claim 10 .

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Igi et al teaches an apparatus for editing MPEG stream .

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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